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The following is a summary of information on Soviet airfields and air activities observed prior to 12 April 1955:

A. General:

The current reinforcement of the 24th Air Army exceeds the expected arrival of the light bomber division. Erfurt-Bindersleben, previously occupied only by one alert formation, may be occupied by a larger unit. Special units, possibly night fighters, are perhaps being brought into East Germany. The increased number of fighter aircraft observed during the last few weeks at such fields as Neuruppin and Jueterbog indicates that the fighter regiments are being brought up to their authorized strength of 32 to 34 aircraft. In early 1953, the two bomber divisions in East Germany were equipped with 100 to 120 IL-28's. It appears now that the 24th Air Army will have approximately 200 IL-28's after the completion of the present aircraft supply program.

B. Aircraft Counted Outside Hangars:1. MIG-15's:

Finow: About 60 on 6 April
Koethen: 34 on 1 April
Neuruppin: 32 on 31 March
Puetznitz: 24 on 28 March

2. IL-10's:

Brandenburg-Industrieafen: 39 on 4 April
Doeberitz: 45 on 4 April

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3. IL-28's:

Oranienburg: A minimum of 32 on 6 April
Werneuchen: 36 on 2 April

4. Other Aircraft:

Drewitz: 6 YAK-11's on 25 March
Schoenwalde: 2 PO-2's on 4 April

5. Unoccupied:

No information on the arrival of aircraft at Rothenburg, Gross Doelln and Tutow airfields was received. Brandis airfield was unoccupied on 24 March.

C. Transfer of Units

The IL-10 unit stationed at Doeberitz airfield since 4 April has been identified as "Unit Major Krasavitski"/ This ground attack regiment had transferred from Doeberitz to Brandenburg-Briest airfield on 1 April.¹

D. Air Activity:

Between 29 March and 4 April, air activity consisted mainly of individual flights and formation flying of no more than four aircraft.

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E. Troop and Supply Shipments:1. To Oranienburg Airfield:

Five trains were sent from Brest-Litovsk to Oranienburg, via Frankfurt/Oder, prior to 2 April. Each train consisted of four to six express-train coaches with officers and dependents, 10 to 12 boxcars with troops wearing black-bordered blue shoulderboards, and about 20 flatcars with tank trucks, trucks, and sedans. The shipment of six searchlights two meters in diameter, eight four-wheel generators and six railroad tank cars was also observed.

2. To Gross Doelln Airfield:

At least three trains, similar in composition to those sent to Oranienburg, were dispatched from Brest-Litovsk to Gross Doelln prior to 3 April. Two trains with construction material arrived at the airfield from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder on 24 and 30 March. A third train with construction material, dispatched from Wildpark, arrived at the airfield on 31 March.

3. To Brand and Werder:

One train with 14 fuel containers and another with 18 containers were shipped via Guben to Brand and Werder respectively.²

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4. To Doeberitz:

One troop train was sent from Brandenburg-Altstadt to Doeberitz on both 30 and 31 March. Many older men were observed among the 500 newly arrived air force soldiers.

5. To Brandenburg:

A troop train consisting of 24 boxcars, 33 flatcars and five tank cars was dispatched from Falkenberg to Brandenburg on 29 March. Another train was unloaded at Brandenburg-Altstadt on 3 April. A part of the train was shunted to the spur track leading to Brandenburg-Briest airfield.

6. Trains dispatched from the USSR included two to Rothenburg, three to Erfurt and one to Tutow.

F. Construction Projects:

The construction staff of Bauunion Sued has allegedly been established at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield since mid-March 1955. A runway is scheduled to be constructed. The orders for the construction project were given neither by the Soviet construction headquarters at Werder nor by the VdA construction staff at Cottbus.³

1. Comment: Brandenburg-Briest is presumably being occupied by the ground attack regiment which had been retraining on MIG-15's at Alt Loennewitz airfield. The latter is probably being vacated for construction work. 25X1
2. Comment: The train to Werder was probably sent on from Werder to another airfield. The arrival of fuel containers indicates that the fuel capacity of a number of airfields will be increased. 25X1
3. Comment: Two new construction projects are assumed to be underway in Dresden: the improvement of Dresden-Klotzsche airfield and the construction of an atomic reactor for the "Weisser Hirsch" Atomic Institute. The airfield, on orders of the 18th Administration of the Ministry of Machine Construction, may be being prepared for prototype construction and mass assembly of aircraft. 25X1

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